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ASKS FOR SUPPORT FOR STATE MILITIA

Gen. Harvey Says Business Men Should Encourage Employees to Join.

IS INSURANCE AGAINST COMMERCIAL DISASTER

Head of D. C. National Guard Urges New Organizations to Make Strength Congress Requires.

Brig. Gen. William E. Harvey, commanding the District of Columbia militia, discussing today the importance of united effort to make the National Guard of the country what it should be, declared that an effort should be spared to create a feeling of confidence in the organization, and to offer aid and assistance in maintaining it. He added that business concerns that carry insurance should pay a little premium on insurance against the commercial disasters which follow as the result of war by making it possible for their employees to join in the National Guard organization.

"Every effort should be made to dignify the service," Gen. Harvey continued. "It has been maligned, ridiculed and talked about for years, yet for all that it is the only force which has willingly and voluntarily offered to serve. That fact alone is a big factor in convincing Congress that the guard was entitled to recognition and should be encouraged and helped to do better work in the future."

New Organizations Needed.

"New organizations are needed to build the guard up to the point of numbers that Congress expects. The District is well represented now, but further troops should unquestionably be organized with as little delay as possible."

"The bill to increase the military establishment of the United States, which Congress has just passed, is undoubtedly one of the most important bills of that character ever enacted. For the first time in the history of our country Congress has seen fit to avail itself of the constitutional right to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia. For more than 100 years the development of the militia was left almost entirely with the several states. Beginning with the passage of the Dick law in 1902, there has been a gradual change in the organization of the militia, all looking to a closer conformity with the standards of the regular service."

"Militia of the United States."

"With the enactment of the new law the militia of the several states and territories passes from the statute books and it becomes instead the militia of the United States. The National Guard, which has heretofore been national in name and national in spirit, becomes a part of the national militia. It is a part and parcel of the military establishment of the United States."

"The National Guard as it exists today consists of about 130,000 officers and men. To be what the act contemplates this force is to be increased to 250,000. It is believed that with the present sentiment in favor of preparedness and with the actual nationalization of the guard those men who are actually desirous of seeing that the country is adequately prepared will come forward and give the country the benefit of their services."

Willing to Do Their Part.

"The real exponents of preparedness are the men who are willing to do their part. The success or failure of the plan which has been adopted by Congress for national defense will depend upon the support and active interest that is taken in the organization by the people of the country. The time has passed when the militia can be criticized and ridiculed, for all thoughtful people must realize now that those who serve in the National Guard are there with a definite purpose of doing their duty to the country, and service in the National Guard should be and undoubtedly will be considered as a badge of honor."

"Let the young men of the community realize that when they join the National Guard they are joining the force which is to stand as a part of the country's first line of defense in the event of trouble. Let the people of the country impress on the young men that they are doing this public duty and are entitled to credit and praise therefor, and the reserve army of more than 400,000 men which the United States hopes to create in the National Guard will become a reality."

"Nine men out of ten say the United States should prepare. The practical way to prepare is for men who feel that they would be prepared to enlist in the National Guard and do their tour of duty with the organization."

CLAFIN AND WILDER PROGRESSIVES' CHOICE

Made Delegate and Alternate to Party Convention in Chicago.

Roy C. Clafin and Dr. James R. Wilder, selected by the progressive central committee of the District as delegate and alternate to the party convention at Chicago, have been elected to that office by a referendum ballot of the progressive voters of Washington, according to an announcement made today by John Callan O'Laughlin, national committeeman for the District. Mr. O'Laughlin said, in part:

"Roy C. Clafin and Dr. James R. Wilder have been elected delegate and alternate, respectively, to represent the District of Columbia in the national convention of the progressive party."

"The referendum ballot closed at midnight last night. The returns were carefully counted, with the result stated above."

"More than 2,000 progressive voters took advantage of the opportunity to register their votes, thereby announcing their fidelity to the party to which they belong and to the principles it represents."

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UNION SEMINARY CASE GOES OVER

Relation to Presbyterianism Unsettled, Although Committee Meets Secretly.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 23.—

The hopes of the 900 commissioners attending the Presbyterian General Assembly, who had been informed by members of the New York presbytery that the all-important question of Union Seminary and its alleged departure from the tenets of Presbyterianism would be amicably settled today, without discussion or friction, vanished when the committee on bills and overtures announced that it has come to no definite conclusion. When the business session of the assembly opened the committee on bills and overtures obtained permission to "retain for further consideration" the overtures relating to the New York presbytery and the Union Seminary. Later the committee made this statement:

"We have under consideration a paper which has been presented by certain parties concerned in the situation as it now stands in the New York presbytery and are hopeful of reaching a satisfactory settlement, but have as yet arrived at no final conclusion and shall not be likely to do so until Wednesday or Thursday."

The committee was in secret session all night.

\$1,000,000 for Ministerial Relief.

ORLANDO, Fla., May 23.—Interest in the report of the committee on Christian education and ministerial relief, which will recommend the raising of \$1,000,000 as an endowment for ministerial relief work, and consideration of that portion of the report of the committee on women's work in the church, relating to deaconesses, divided attention at today's sessions of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Both questions were before the assembly as special orders of business at the morning session.

E. G. Huff, who complained to the assembly that a Clearwater (Fla.) church was maintaining on its rolls the name of J. J. Mendonhall, who has been convicted of murder, was reminded today, in a report of the committee on judicial business, that his complaint should have been directed to the presbytery having immediate jurisdiction over the Clearwater church. The matter could not be settled by the presbytery then it should be brought before the assembly.

Methodists Elect Negro Bishop.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 23.—Rev. Alexander P. Camphor of Birmingham, Ala., was elected negro missionary bishop for Liberia, Africa, on the second ballot by virtually an unanimous vote by Methodist general conference today.

Rev. E. S. Johnson of Sioux City, Iowa, was elected missionary bishop for the remainder of Africa after Rev. J. E. Crother of New York city, who was elected in second place, had withdrawn.

On the motion of Federal Judge Henry W. Rogers of New Haven, Conn., a resolution was adopted annulling the Indiana woman suffrage. Only six delegates voted in opposition.

Baptists May Adjourn Tonight.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 23.—The Northern Baptist convention expected to complete its work and adjourn tonight and meet in Cleveland, Ohio, next year at a date to be decided on by the executive committee.

The consolidation of the missionary work of the American Baptist Publication Society and the American Baptist Home Mission Society is regarded by leading Baptists as the most important accomplishment of the present session. The merger ended a controversy of fourteen years.

COMMENCEMENT RITES

AT G. U. BEGIN JUNE 10

Program of Exercises Is Announced by Rev. A. J. Donlon, President of University.

Commencement exercises of Georgetown University are to begin Saturday, June 10, and end Tuesday, June 13, according to the program announced today by Rev. A. J. Donlon, president of the university. The exercises are to include reunions of the classes of 1896, 1901 and 1906.

The exercises are to open with a smoker the evening of June 10. The baccalaureate service is to be preached the following day in Trinity Church, Georgetown, by Rev. John D. McCarthy, and that evening a reception for graduates and their friends is to be held at the university, with singing in the quadrangle, led by George O'Connor.

An excursion down the Potomac on one of the large river steamers is planned for Monday, June 12, the trip to be free to all graduates of Georgetown.

The commencement exercises proper are to be held on the university campus this afternoon of Tuesday, June 13, when graduates of the several schools of the university are to receive their diplomas from President Donlon. Former President William Howard Taft is to deliver the address to the graduates.

Hughes Wins Vermont by 5,480.

MONTEPELIER, Vt., May 23.—Official returns given out by the secretary of state on the result of the presidential preference primary held in this state May 16 show that Justice Hughes led the republican ticket with 5,480 votes. Col. Roosevelt received 1,331 votes on the republican ticket and 1,418 as the progressive party candidate. Gov. McCall of Massachusetts had 181 votes; Elihu Root, 180; Henry Ford, 34, and Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, 28. On the democratic ticket President Wilson received 2,711 votes and Speaker Clark 23.

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RED CROSS ACTIVITIES TOPIC AT WOMAN'S CAMP

National Officers of Organization Deliver Addresses Before the Preparedness Classes.

Red Cross day at the woman's preparedness camp was a big success. Three of the principal national officers addressed a record-breaking attendance in the assembly tent.

In the membership tent there were 105 registered as new members, including one life member, Miss Margaret K. Draper.

Rallying cry for the organization of a mighty army of men, women and children—the largest army in the world—in the cause of humanity and the brotherhood of men was voiced by Miss Mabel T. Boardman, the Red Cross executive. She said:

"While there is a conflict, that seems to have shattered civilization to its very foundations and destroyed our highest ideals among the ruins of shot and shell and beside the trenches of the modern battlefield there still flies the flag of humanity. Neither man nor nation dares to raise the arms of attack without disgrace; one emblem still stands to typify humanity and the brotherhood of suffering man."

"We are a great nation; we are a humane people. We believe in the brotherhood of men. Then let us raise the greatest army in the world under this symbol of patriotism and humanity—the flag of the Red Cross."

What Experience Has Taught.

In explaining why the Red Cross society must exist, Miss Boardman said:

"Experience has taught all nations that in any serious war it is impossible for the medical service of the armed forces to adequately care for the sick and wounded."

"This is not because of any inefficiency on the part of the medical service, but because it would require another army to care for the sick and wounded of almost equal proportions to the armed forces."

"Under the great humanitarian treaty of Geneva, which binds the medical service of the sick and wounded both of the army and of military prisoners, alike protection and supplies must be given to them. This is the duty of the Red Cross as authorized and volunteer aid societies of the Red Cross as that granted to the regular medical service."

States Reasons.

Miss Boardman gave the reasons why there must be one organization and only one, charged with the responsibility for relief work in time of war:

First—The government which is a signatory power to the treaty of Geneva must itself guarantee the responsibility and reliability of the relief service. She explained that the Red Cross must not be allowed to become a mere auxiliary to the government, but must be a real humanitarian organization.

Second—It would be impossible to allow men or groups of men to organize themselves in time of war and fight independently—so that the relief work for the sick and wounded, there must be centralization of authority and responsibility.

Third—To prevent confusion and duplication.

Fourth—For the protection of the public against infringement by unscrupulous or misguided persons attempting to raise relief funds.

Red Cross and Medical Service.

Col. Jefferson Kean, U. S. A., military director of the American Red Cross, explained the relation of the Red Cross to the medical service.

"Though it cannot be said that the military strength of the republic has been greatly increased by this camp, yet I am sure it has exercised a widening influence for good," he said. "You have doubtless learned many things which will make you better and more useful citizens and which are well worth the cost of a few freckles and sun-burnt noses. Your example will be valuable to the circle of men on which you exercise a more or less powerful influence."

He told of the scheme of the Red Cross organization and its consideration for preparedness. He laid particular stress on the second army of defense and urged the young women to become part of this patriotic organization. He said that the hospitals is a great lesson in the military use of women of the war and that the statistics showing that there are 6,000 of them in England.

Speaks for Nurses' Bureau.

After telling what the duties of women would be in time of war, Miss Marion Oliver, speaking for the bureau of nursing service, said: "There is a duty which is waiting for us now. All of you women are here because of patriotic feeling and desire to fit yourselves to be of service to your country, and to this end you are taking these courses of instruction under the Red Cross."

"You have come from all parts of the United States. Will you not act as Red Cross missionaries? Form classes like these in your home towns."

"We laywomen of the United States have it in our hands to be an example for the world if we would only head the teaching now and realize that the work required of us is not the hysterical desire to band a wound, or to rush to the field of battle, but of calm, quiet service in those things for which we are fitted."

"This is the real reason for these Red Cross classes of instruction—to teach us

LECTURES TOMORROW; THE PUBLIC INVITED

These lectures will be in the assembly tent at 3:30 p.m.

This is the only camp exercise to which the public is invited.

Addresses—"Relation of Young People to Industrial Preparedness," by Prof. O. H. Benson.

"What Women Have Done in Civic Movements," by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, chairman of the District of Columbia Branch of the Women's Section of the National Civic Federation.

what we can do to be of use in time of war; to fit us to do our share in the service of our country—and to form ourselves into a lay personnel of volunteer workers of whom the United States can be proud."

WASHINGTON WILL HAVE WOMAN'S RADIO CLUB

Sequence to National Service School Camp—Is to Have Branches Elsewhere.

Washington is to be headquarters of a woman's radio club, with branches in several large cities, notably Boston. This is one of the first organizations showing the permanence of the National Service School's incentive to the women of the country to develop along new lines.

First intimation of this radio club was given by Mrs. Alexander Sharp, who is in charge of the volunteer instruction section of the woman's preparedness camp, working in co-operation with the Red Cross instruction courses in first aid, dietetics, home care of the sick, etc. Mrs. Sharp has been working since February on the organization of this instruction school. She has had as her chief aid Miss Sophy P. Casey, who is an expert chauffeur.

Mrs. Sharp is the widow of the late Capt. Alexander Sharp, U. S. N., who commanded the dispatch boat Vixen which took part in the battle of Santiago de Cuba during the Spanish war. Mrs. Casey is the daughter of the late Admiral Casey.

The course of instruction of which Mrs. Sharp is in charge includes plain and wireless telegraphy, signaling by wig-wag, semaphore and heliograph; making of hospital stationery according to Red Cross patterns, and knitting comfort articles for United States soldiers and sailors. All of these classes are under expert service instructors and women who are professionals in their particular lines.

Advanced Wireless Students.

The wireless classes during the first course were in charge of A. A. Penland, electrician of the first class, who was recalled on account of sickness. He had been succeeded by H. L. Pitts, electrician of the first class from the President's yacht, the Mayflower, assisted by C. E. Schneider, an advanced class has been started with a dozen young women who are sending and receiving about eighteen words a minute. The signaling is in charge of Chief Quartermasters Walter J. Fanger and H. L. Shipp, both petty officers of the navy.

The telegraphy classes are in charge of B. J. Beal, who has been instructing operators for more than thirty years. There are now more than thirty in his classes. The advanced class can now send and receive entire messages and the beginners can most of them send and receive a ten-word sentence.

Class in Military Callisthenics.

Mrs. Sharp also organized a class in military callisthenics for the day students, in charge of Sgt. A. B. Sapp, U. S. A.

Miss Caroline Lamson is in charge of plain sewing classes. Here are made garments according to the Red Cross patterns. These are turned over to the Red Cross for distribution to men in increased use of service. These garments include pajamas, bath robes, kimono bed coats, bed socks, operating helmet caps and aprons and shoulder throws.

Mrs. Frank W. Smith is in charge of the knitting classes, including the making of mufflers and sponges and socks for the Red Cross.

GAINING IN POPULARITY.

Hundreds of Visitors Attend the Lecture Courses at Camp.

The lecture course at the woman's preparedness camp is gaining in popularity each day. Hundreds of visitors from Washington go to the camp each day and many automobile parties come from Baltimore and other places.

Those who are on the program for addresses today are "National Security," by Henry A. Wise Wood; "National Preparedness," by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of the American Red Cross; "Woman and Preparedness," by Mrs. Frank Odenheimer, president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES.

The name "Henry Ford" is anathema at the woman's camp. Not because Henry Ford has attacked the Navy League, but for other reasons will "Henry Ford" find the young women in the preparedness camp prepared to chase him away if he ever attempts to revisit the camp. "Henry Ford" is a big white dog owned by a very prominent young woman of Washington who is an officer at the camp. He got into disgrace by waking the young women up at night and drinking from their water pails. Then he reached the climax of impudence by waking up a society debutante while she was in the bath. Finally he went absolutely too far. He was found taking a nap in one young soldierette's cot.

The championship base ball game is to be played today between Companies B and D. Mrs. Charles Belknap, daughter of Rear Admiral Goodrich, is manager of the Company D team, and Miss Ethel Boston of Company B.

Tent 5, D Company, won honors for the nearest tent. This is occupied by Privates Mackall, Armstrong, Woods, McDonnell and Hale.

Miss Beatrice Clover, daughter of Rear Admiral Clover, is one of the rookies who is showing untimely aptness in telegraphy. She is one of the best receivers in the entire camp. Miss Caroline Odenheimer is the star of the advanced class. Miss Elizabeth Hopkins and Miss Frances Moore visited the camp yesterday and showed